

# Essay Question

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One major reason the Japanese were able to build one of the most successful and efficient economies is that they are some of the best educated people in the world. They have rigorous entrance exams to high school and very hard college exams. After school, many students attend after school study sessions, almost like our study buddies program. The difference between these two programs is the Japanese programs run every day for 2 or 3 hours. Another reason the Japanese are successful is that Japanese companies give incentives to their workers to keep them happy. The companies give them health plans, lifetime salaries, free housing, and programs to introduce their single employees to potential spouses. The philosophy behind this idea is that if you keep your workers happy they will perform to their best ability. They also have their workers do stretches to help them work. It sounds funny, but they are some of the most productive workers in the world. The government also will give old traditional painters a lifetime salary if they paint as a means to preserve the dying traditional art. The government also subsidizes, or economically supports, their companies. These are just a few of the reasons they are a powerful economic power.